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News Media Advisory

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OPERATION JINGLE NETS \$2,030 FOR NAVY MARINE CORPS RELIEF SOCIETY

Norfolk, VA (CNRMA) – Out-of-state families of nearly 100 local Sailors visited the Hampton Roads area during the December holiday season and received a three-day stay at area hotels motels courtesy of twenty-four area hotels participating in Operation J.I.N.G.L.E.

Tomorrow at 10 a.m., the Norfolk Hotel Motel Association and the Norfolk Convention and Visitor's Bureau will present a check to the Navy Marine Corps Relief Society. Sailors booked the rooms for their families with a reservation fee of \$10 per night. The check being donated represents those fees. The presentation takes place before Society's annual board of director's meeting.

Began 13 years ago by Norfolk's Hotel/Motel Association, and later joined by Portsmouth and Virginia Beach, Operation J.I.N.G.L.E. provides free lodging for the visiting families of military members who reside aboard ship or in barracks and who can't make it home for the holidays.

The name stands for Join In Giving a Little Extra and is one way the local community expresses appreciation and support for the Sailors stationed the Hampton Roads area and their families.

Also preceding the Society's board meeting, a group of local veterans is presenting a check to the Society.

The Navy Marine Corps Relief Society provides support services to local Navy and Marine Corps families year-round.

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News media desiring to report on the presentation will have the opportunity to talk with the director of the Navy Marine Corps Relief Society, the president of the Norfolk Hotel/Motel Association, the CEO of the Norfolk Convention and Visitors Bureau and the commander of the Navy's Mid-Atlantic Region. <u>Please arrive by 9:45 a.m.</u> To attend, contact Jim Moir 438-4014. Presentation of check should take no longer than 15 minutes.

Directions to the Fleet and Family Support Center for the

Operation JINGLE

Check Presentation February 3, 10:00 a.m. For more info contact Jim Moir

438-4014 or 322-2858

7928 14th Street, Suite 102 Norfolk, VA 23505-1219

From I-64:

- Take I-564 exit.
- Take the Terminal Blvd. exit.
- Turn right onto Hampton Blvd.
- Turn left onto Baker St.(at Pizza Hut).
- Take the 2nd left into the Personnel Support parking lot.
- FFSC is in building #SDA-344, on the right.

